

**CLAIMS**

We claim:

1       1. A method for browsing in collaboration space,  
2 comprising the steps of:

3           presenting to a user at a browser an interface to said  
4           collaboration space;

5           providing in a main window in said interface a quick  
6           browse selector;

7           responsive to user selection of said quick browse  
8           selector,

9           creating a set of links to control said main  
10          window without losing context,

11          displaying said context in a separate quick browse  
12          window in a simpler format; and

13          responsive to user selection of an item in said  
14          context, displaying in said main window an object

15 linked to said item.

1 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of  
2 organizing said collaboration space according to an object  
3 model selectively including place, room, folder, page,  
4 member, form, field, placetype, roomtype, skin, and placebo  
5 objects.

1 3. The method of claim 1, said simpler format being a  
2 hypertext markup language format.

1 4. The method of claim 3, further comprising the step of  
2 implementing said object as a room in said collaboration  
3 space.

1 5. The method of claim 3, further comprising the step of  
2 implementing said quick browse selector as a remote control  
3 selector in a search results window.

1 6. The method of claim 5, further comprising the step

2 responsive to user selection of a link to a target page in  
3 said quick browse window, of reloading said main window with  
4 said target page.

1 7. The method of claim 3, further comprising the step of  
2 implementing said quick browse selector as a remote control  
3 selector in a what's new window.

1 8. The method of claim 7, further comprising the step  
2 responsive to user selection of said quick browse selector  
3 of enabling random access browsing of links in said quick  
4 browse window.

1 9. The method of claim 8, said links being to objects in a  
2 plurality of rooms.

1 10. The method of claim 3, further comprising the step of  
2 implementing said quick browse selector as go there links  
3 from a tutorial window, as go there links from a help  
4 window, and as go there links from a site map.

1       11. The method of claim 10, further comprising the step of  
2 generating said site map as a simple rendering of an access  
3 controlled table of context hierarchy.

1       12. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

2              displaying said quick browse window in minimal screen  
3              space while said user browses target pages and allowing  
4              said user to see and access local settings of said  
5              target page so as to display context of said target  
6              page.

1       13. The method of claim 12, said context selectively  
2              including a table of contents, location, folder, parent,  
3              responses, ancestors, and/or revisions of said target page.

1       14. A system for browsing within collaboration space,  
2              comprising:

3              a browser for displaying a user interface in a main  
4              window;

5           a quick browse window;

6           a remote control mechanism displayed in any context in  
7           said user interface supporting a quick browse feature  
8           for displaying in said quick browse window links to  
9           linked pages;

10          said quick browse feature redirecting said main window  
11          to a linked page upon user selection of said link.

1       15. The system of claim 14, said collaboration space being  
2       organized according to an object model selectively including  
3       place, room, folder, page, member, form, field, placetype,  
4       roomtype, skin, and placebot objects.

1       16. The system of claim 14, said context including search  
2       results and what's new contexts.

1       17. The system of claim 16, said context including help and  
2       tutorial windows.

1       18. The system of claim 14, further comprising:

2            said quick browse window being opened responsive to  
3            user selection of said remote control mechanism;

4            said link being opened in said main window responsive  
5            to said user selection of said link;

6            said quick browse window further providing a remote  
7            control on said main window with said links displayed  
8            in said quick browse window while said user browses  
9            selected links in said main window.

1       19. A program storage device readable by a machine,  
2       tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by a  
3       machine to perform method steps for browsing in  
4       collaboration space, said method steps comprising:

5           presenting to a user at a browser an interface to said  
6           collaboration space;

7           providing in a main window in said interface a quick  
8           browse selector;

9           responsive to user selection of said quick browse  
10          selector,  
  
11           creating a set of links to control said main  
12          window without losing context,  
  
13           displaying said context in a separate quick browse  
14          window in a simpler format; and  
  
15          responsive to user selection of an item in said  
16          context, displaying in said main window an object  
17          linked to said item.

1       20. A computer program product or computer program element  
2      for browsing in collaboration space by  
  
3      presenting to a user at a browser an interface to said  
4      collaboration space;  
  
5      providing in a main window in said interface a quick  
6      browse selector;  
  
7      responsive to user selection of said quick browse  
8      selector,

9           creating a set of links to control said main  
10           window without losing context,  
  
11           displaying said context in a separate quick browse  
12           window in a simpler format; and  
  
13           responsive to user selection of an item in said  
14           context, displaying in said main window an object  
15           linked to said item.

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